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[REDACTED] Comment. A report has been received concerning an alleged project of the Soviet Government to obtain strategic essential materials. According to this unevaluated report, the Soviet's new project is known in Spanish as "Sextra Estrada" (Sixth Causeway). The basic principle of the project appears to be the establishment of some type of trade missions in the various countries throughout the world, headed by nationals of some government other than the USSR, which will have as their purpose the collection of certain commodities and commercial products that are urgently needed by the Soviets. The following information has been received from source who has been queried concerning the establishment of a "Sixth Causeway" in Cuba.)

- 25X1A6a 1. At the present time, preparations reportedly are underway to establish trade relations between Hungary and Cuba. [REDACTED] Comment. According to source, there is no secrecy about these activities, as the Hungarian Legation in Washington is discussing the possibility of trade relations with the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D. C.) Source asserts that Moscow-controlled Communists in Hungary are not in favor of trade relations which will hinder Soviet influence in Hungary. However, certain Hungarian government officials are attempting to establish trade with western countries outside the influence of the USSR.
2. Following the completion of a 300 million dollar export deal between Hungary and Argentina, Hungarians allegedly will establish a commercial office in Buenos Aires. An American-Hungarian firm, Deak and Company, New York*, negotiated the transaction for the establishment of this firm, which is the main sales agent of the Hungarian state-controlled heavy industry.
3. According to source, Fedor or Fodor Laszlo, a Hungarian who is to establish a "Sixth Causeway" headquarters in Cuba, has not arrived in Cuba at the present time.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Manhattan Telephone Directory listing: Deak and Co., Inc., Foreign Trade, 75 West Bolling Green, New York.

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In [REDACTED] paragraph 3, the name should read Laszlo Fodor and not Fodor Laszlo.

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